

Freshford & Neighbourhood ASSOCIATION.

At a Meeting held at FRESHFORD, on Tuesday the 29th Day of April, 1800, it was proposed and agreed on, that for the Protection of Persons and Property, from Depredations of every Description, an Association should be established under the following Rules.

- ARTICLE I. **T**HAT this Association, shall be open to the Subscription of any Person, within the Parishes and Places of FRESHFORD, WESTWOOD, HUNGERFORD-FARLEIGH, TELLISFORD, IFORD, CHARTERHOUSE-HINTON, LIMPLEY-STOKE, PHILIP'S-NORTON, and MONCKTON-COMBE, willing to become a Member thereof.
- II.—That THOMAS JOYCE, of *Freshford*, Esq. shall be the TREASURER, of this Association, and E. LUXFORD, ATTORNEY, of *Bradford*, Solicitor.
- III.—That each Member on his entering into this Association shall pay into the hands of the *Treasurer*, the Sum of 1l. 1s. and also the Sum of 10s. 6d. annually, on the 29th Day of May, in every Year, in order to support a general Fund, to effectuate the Purposes of this Association; unless he shall in any Year, receive Notice from the *Treasurer*, that his Subscription for that Year will not be necessary to keep up the same.
- IV.—That any Member refusing to pay his or her Subscription for one Month after the same shall become due, shall be excluded the Benefit of this Association.
- V.—That the fund shall be liable to the Charges of advertising, apprehending, and prosecuting to Conviction any Offender, for the Offences herein after named; and that the fund shall also extend to such Poor Persons, as by reason of their Poverty, shall be deemed unable to carry on a Prosecution, by a Committee of this Association.
- VI.—That a Committee of thirteen Persons be annually chosen to conduct the Affairs of this Association, and that any five of them be competent to act; and that the Rules of this Association shall at any time be explained, altered, or enlarged, by a Majority of the Subscribers present at any Meeting.
- VII.—That an Annual Meeting shall be held on the 29th Day of May, in every Year, except it should happen on a *Saturday or Sunday*, then on the following *Monday*, for auditing and settling the *Treasurers* Accounts, and other necessary Purposes.
- VIII.—That this Association shall extend to the Persons of Members who shall be robbed on the Highway, beyond the Limits of this Association.
- IX.—That no Compromise be allowed with Offenders on any Account whatever.
- X.—That the Share belonging to Prosecutors, Members of this Association, of Rewards allowed by Act of Parliament, or of Rewards hereby offered, shall be paid to, or retained by the *Treasurer*, in aid of the general Fund, except a Member being robbed, shall assist in and be the means of apprehending the Person robbing him.
- XI.—That any Member of this Association removing to any other Place, within the distance of ten Miles of *Freshford*, (not being a Town) shall be entitled to the Benefit thereof, so long as he shall continue to pay his Subscription Money.
- XII.—That the Fund of this Society, shall on the Death of each Subscriber, revert to, and become the Property of his Representatives, for the Purposes aforesaid, on continuing the Subscription.

The following Rewards, independent of those allowed by Act of Parliament, were agreed to be paid by the *Treasurer*, to the Person who shall give Information on Oath, of the Person or Persons guilty of the Offences following; provided such Information shall be followed by Conviction.

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Burglary, Highway Robbery, setting Fire to any Barn, Outhouse, or to any Mow, or Rick of Corn, Grain, Hay, or Wood,	—	—	—
or stealing or cutting any Cloth, in or from any Rack or Tenters,	—	—	—
Buying or receiving Stolen Goods knowing them to be Stolen,	—	—	—
Stealing, killing, or maiming any Horse, Mare or Gelding, Cow, Ox, Calf, Sheep, Pigs, Poultry, or Fish,	—	—	—
Stealing any Waggon, Cart or Plough, or any implement of Husbandry, or any Seed, Corn, Grain or Hay,	—	—	—
Cutting, cropping, lopping, or damaging Trees of any Description, or stealing Wood, Underwood, or Fruit, or breaking or stealing any Gates, Hurdles, Hedges, Pales, Rails, Posts, or Ironwork;—Stealing, pulling up or destroying Turnips, Garden Stuff, or any other Roots, or Vegetables, from any Field, inclosed Ground, Orchard or Garden, or any other Felonious Act	—	—	—
Stealing Cloth, Wool, Yarn, or any other Materials in the Cloathing Manufactory, from any Shops or Warehouses,	—	—	—